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From: Chang, Lisa
Sent: Wed 6/17/2015 12:04:40 AM
Subject: FW: Meeting with Swinomish
RE: Question about authority to intervene on LO subaward funding decision
FW: Meeting time w/Swinomish
RE: Swinomish FY14 Proposal

Angela,

See message below from Tiffany.

Tony has not yet come up with any additional regulatory support for pushing back on Swinomish (I will check again with him), and I have summarized our position/thinking in (a) our comments on the Swinomish proposal (attached), and (2) in an e-mail to Tony. Larry had also provided some additional material from the Skagit River Chinook Recovery Plan (attached) where he laid out what he views as support for his work.

Finally, there is material in the Action Agenda speaking to the desire to work with the agricultural community. This includes:

- NTA A3.2, “Agricultural lands. As described earlier, since 1950 we have lost more than half of the farmland in the Puget Sound region. Effectively preserving agricultural land will involve tackling a complex set of interrelated issues including real work to ensure that agriculture continues to be a viable, and vibrant, industry in Puget Sound”
- “Work directly with farmers to better understand ecological and economic issues and viable solutions” (p. 26, under A3)
- NTA A.3.2.2 Agriculture strategy. “The Partnership, in collaboration with WSDA, Ecology, WSCC, and agricultural partners has convened an advisory committee to consider development of a Puget Sound agricultural strategy. The strategy will identify a) needs for maintaining the health of the industry b) key areas where the agricultural industry can contribute to the protection and restoration of Puget Sound and c) challenges to be addressed for achieving these goals and implementing a successful strategy. This near term action could be further amended or integrated into the regional funding strategy as appropriate.”

I think this is about as robust an argument we have, unless Tony comes up with some very

specific regulatory language. Do you think we can meet with him on Thursday?

Lisa

From: Tiffany Waters [mailto:twaters@nwifc.org]

Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2015 4:17 PM

To: Chang, Lisa

Subject: Meeting with Swinomish

Hi Lisa,

I wanted to check back in with you regarding the rescheduling of Swinomish's meeting. I'm getting some pressure from Larry to reschedule as soon as possible. Would you and Angela be available on Thursday? Both Fran and Larry are available that day. They may also be available on Friday, but I would need to double-check.

Thanks,

Tiffany

From: Chang, Lisa [mailto:Chang.Lisa@epa.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2015 8:27 AM

To: Larry Wasserman; Tiffany Waters; Bonifaci, Angela

Subject: Reschedule this morning's meeting

Importance: High

Tiffany and Larry,

My apologies, but we would like to reschedule this morning's meeting. We'd like to better examine all the material before us, and also involve our grants specialist, in this discussion to ensure we make the best use of everyone's time.

We will send some available times for us shortly. Again, our apologies, but we want to ensure we are fully prepared for the discussion.

Lisa